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Disney to shut down Star Wars games founder LucasArts

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The company was founded in May 1982 as the video game development group of Lucasfilm Limited, the film production company by Star Wars creator George Lucas.

The film producer, screenwriter and director wanted his company to branch out into other areas of entertainment, so he cooperated with Atari to produce video games.

Action games Ballblazer and Rescue on Fractalus! were the first results of the collaboration.

Lucasfilm and its interactive games division, is several months into an internal cost-cutting review.

The decision to close LucasArts comes as the developer and publisher, once known for adventure games like Secret of Monkey Island has struggled to produce a hit in an industry currently dominated by action games.

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